

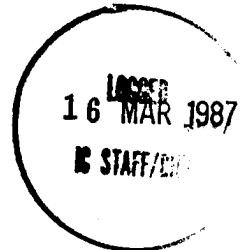
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NOTE FOR: D/ICS

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SUBJECT: Q & A for Director-Designate Webster



The FBI has requested a Q & A as given below. Please follow the format of question, answer, background. Each question should be handled on one page or, in most cases, much less than one page. Your answer, like the question, must be unclassified. Please send your completed answer to D/OCA (7D43 Hqs) within two working days.

QUESTION: 1986 has been referred to as the Year of the Spy. In your view, what must be done to improve US counterintelligence capabilities? Please comment on organizational matters, investigation and re-investigation, counter-intelligence analysis and new initiatives.

ANSWER:

BACKGROUND:

QUESTION: 1986 has been referred to as the Year of the Spy. In your view, what must be done to improve US counterintelligence capabilities? Please comment on organizational matters, investigation and re-investigation, counterintelligence analysis and new initiatives.

ANSWER: US counterintelligence and security countermeasures capabilities and programs have been covered extensively in the President's report to the Congress, the Counterintelligence Strategy, and the DoD Security Review Commission (Stillwell) Report, all of which you have received. The numerous new initiatives set forth in these documents, as well as recommendations and observations from the SSCI and HPSCI reports, have been assigned to the responsible body under cognizance of the appropriate Interagency Group for study and action as possible. Improved counterintelligence analysis is an integral part of this tasking and of our thrust for maximizing counterintelligence capabilities. Investigation and reinvestigation of personnel is one of the steps under way in the personnel suitability arena.

We are indeed seized with the problems and issues raised in these reports that more than fill our plate. The Chairman, SIG-I, must make the initial report to the President on implementation of the recommendations in the President's report this May, and I will then be better able to determine what next steps are required.

Regarding organizational matters, I refer you to the DDCI's Statement to the SSCI on 4 June 1986 that was appended to the President's report. The reorganization of the SIG-I system is now having its first test with the loading of the aforementioned tasking from the several reports. I prefer to delay comment on organizational matters pending an opportunity to evaluate the May report.

COMMENT: Suggest a review/briefing for Director-designate Webster on the President's report, CI Strategy, DoD (Stillwell) Report, and SSCI and HPSCI papers on counterintelligence and security countermeasures.

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